

ALLENS ARE CHIEF WITNESSES OF DAY

Friel and Victor Testify in Defense of Claude, Charged With Murder.

NO NEW FACTS BROUGHT OUT

All Members of the Gang Are in Wytheville Jail Under Heavy Guard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Wytheville, Va., July 9.—Two of the Allens were examined today in the trial of Claude Allen, who is charged with the murder of Commonwealth's Attorney Foster during the Hillsville Courthouse tragedy, and others probably will go on the stand for the defense tomorrow.

Court opened at 10 o'clock this morning. The morning session lasting only an hour, the proceedings being retarded by the absence of witnesses for the defense. However, the testimony of five witnesses was taken.

Floyd Allen, Sidney Edwards, Victor Allen and Friel Allen were brought to Wytheville at noon today under a heavy guard, to testify in behalf of Claude Allen. They were placed in jail, from where they will be taken to the courthouse one at a time as needed. The chief witness for the defense was Friel Allen and Victor Allen. Friel has never testified before in the Allen cases. He was examined by Mr. Willis and the following facts brought out: He is nineteen years old, and at the time of the shooting was only eighteen. He is a son of Jack Allen and a nephew of Floyd Allen. On the Wednesday before the shooting he went to Hillsville to take some money to his brother from Jack Allen, his father, and remained in Hillsville Wednesday night because he was sick and unable to ride, having hurt himself lifting a log. He spent the night at Vernon's, with Wesley Edwards, and ate breakfast with him. After breakfast he went to see Dr. Knuckley at his drug store, and there Wesley Edwards met him and asked him to go to the courthouse with him. They entered the northwest door and stood near the door to the jury room. As he came in he hears somebody whom he took to be the judge speak, and saw Goad raise his pistol and fire.

The witness was knocked down between two benches by the crowd, and when he got up he saw Foster with a pistol and heard him say "Friel, I will kill you, too." Witness then drew a pistol from a scabbard under his arm, and when Foster shot at him, he fired twice at Foster and ran. He said he did not see Foster bleeding. He then told how he hid in the woods for two weeks, part of the time with Sidney Allen and Wesley Edwards, the two fugitives, and on March 23 he returned home and gave himself up to Tom Felts.

A right cross-examination by Mr. Wyner failed to change his story. The only persons he seems to remember seeing in the courthouse were Victor Allen at the door, Goad and Commonwealth's Attorney Foster. Victor Allen, brother of prisoner at the bar, was next introduced, and his examination lasted over an hour. He testified generally to the same facts as at former trials. His examination was conducted by Mr. Willis and the cross-examination by Mr. Powers.

During the cross-examination the witness was taken sick and had to be taken out in the air by the sheriff to revive him. He was questioned closely as to his own conduct and also as to his evidence on a former trial.

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particularly concerning a certain black silk scarf worn by himself. The witness appeared worn and haggard from his long confinement, and says that he was unable to understand the questions asked him.

The prisoner is standing the strain of the trial and his confinement well and seems to be in remarkably good spirits. Floyd Allen is still an outcast from his wound, and all of the prisoners show the effects of their confinement.

A large crowd attended the session of the court this afternoon, many of whom were women.

TWO ATTORNEYS IN DIFFICULTY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., July 9.—While engaged in the trial of a civil case in the Circuit Court at Rappahannock late yesterday, John L. Lee, the famous criminal attorney, and Duncan Drysdale, both of this city, who were representing the two sides of the issue, became involved in a difficulty, during which Mr. Lee caught Mr. Drysdale with his left hand and broke a water tumbler over his head and face. A report from Rappahannock today shows that Mr. Drysdale required the attention of a physician, having sustained two cuts on his head. Mr. Lee was fined \$25 for contempt of court. Both attorneys are reported to have been having expressed regret over the occurrence.

Reunion of Odd-Fellows.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winchester, Va., July 9.—The annual reunion of the Odd-Fellows of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland was held today at Inwood Park, near here, and was attended by great crowds of people. Addresses were made by several of the sovereign and State grand lodge officers.

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BAPTIST SCHOOL GETS ENDOWMENT

Sum of \$150,000 Raised for Meredith College at Raleigh.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., July 9.—It was announced today that the \$150,000 endowment of Meredith College, a Baptist School for women, has been raised. The General Education Board appropriated \$25,000 on condition that the Baptists would double the amount. Rev. C. J. Thompson, formerly of Atlanta, has been in charge of the campaign.

State Senator J. R. Baggett, here from Lillington, says fine progress is being made in the construction of the railroad from Broadway to Lillington, a distance of 18 miles, and that the trains are to be running into Lillington on this line by October 1.

Five miles of the road are already completed.

The road is being constructed through the efforts of W. J. Edwards of Lillington, who is now perfecting financial arrangements to continue the road from Lillington to Goldsboro, a distance of forty miles through a fine and undeveloped country. Prior to the purchase of the Raleigh & Southport by the Norfolk & Southern for the Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern division of the system, President Mills of the Raleigh & Southport made a stiff fight against the building of the Broadway-Lillington road, but as soon as the Mills road was laid over by the Norfolk & Southern all opposition to the road was withdrawn and Edwards is said to have the support assured for not only the Broadway-Lillington line, but also for the Lillington-Goldsboro extension.

Charters were granted today for the Hamilton Trust Co. of Wilmington, capital \$150,000 authorized and \$25,000 subscribed, for erecting and operating an apartment house, the incorporators being A. O. Schuster, W. J. Powell and K. O. Sidbury; the Hanover Realty Co. of Wilmington, with \$100,000 capital, but J. J. Carter, D. B. Leonard and others; the J. C. Ray Drug Co. of Whitakers, Edgecombe county, capital \$5,536, by J. C. Ray and others; and the Onslow Publishing Co. of Jacksonville, capital \$1,000, by J. P. Little, R. H. Randolph Duffey and N. E. Ray, who subscribe \$500 capital.

In connection with the term of the Wake Superior Court that is in progress this week, Judge G. S. Ferguson presiding, there are to be trials of eighteen blind trial cases that have been appealed from the city police court mostly. They are cases in which fines and imprisonment sentences have been imposed. Wake county juries have not made a record in past terms that makes convictions very probable, and the temper of the present juries is being awaited with keen interest. The Raleigh Law and Order League has employed prominent lawyers to aid Solicitor Norris in the prosecutions.

ROAD WORK SOON WILL BEGIN.

Amelia Supervisors Decide on Highway to Be Built.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Amelia, Va., July 9.—The County Board of Supervisors held an all-day session yesterday. The first order of business before the board was the decision as to what road the work of building improved highways under State supervision should begin. It was determined that the section offering the largest amount of money to be subscribed by private contribution should be chosen, and under the strict rulings of the board, the road beginning at Martinsburg and leading towards Lodi was chosen out with a private contribution amounting to about \$2,000.

Gordon Harvey led the fight for this road, and his forces were well lined up. Amelia is to be congratulated that the work of building good roads is to commence this fall.

The Farmville District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, met here this week, beginning to-night, and the first service was held in the basement of the new brick church just built, and not yet completed. By hard work of a few members, the church basement has been made ready during the past ten days, and the last service has been doing service for seventy years, on last Sunday night.

WEBB IS ELECTED STATE CHAIRMAN

Personal Preference of Locke Craig Chosen to Succeed Eller.

Raleigh, N. C., July 9.—The State Democratic Executive Committee to-night, elected by acclamation Hon. Chas. A. Webb, of Asheville, as State as State Chairman, and re-elected by acclamation W. E. Brock, of Wadesboro, as secretary of the committee. Mr. Webb is the personal preference of Hon. Locke Craig, nominee for Governor for the chairmanship to succeed Hon. A. H. Eller, who could not serve longer.

In taking the chair, Mr. Webb declared there is a glorious prospect of a great victory; that Democratic candidates give universal satisfaction and the principles enunciated in the party platform, state and National, have the enthusiastic approval of all Democrats, so that with a united harmonious Democracy and a divided opposition, Democracy is sure to win.

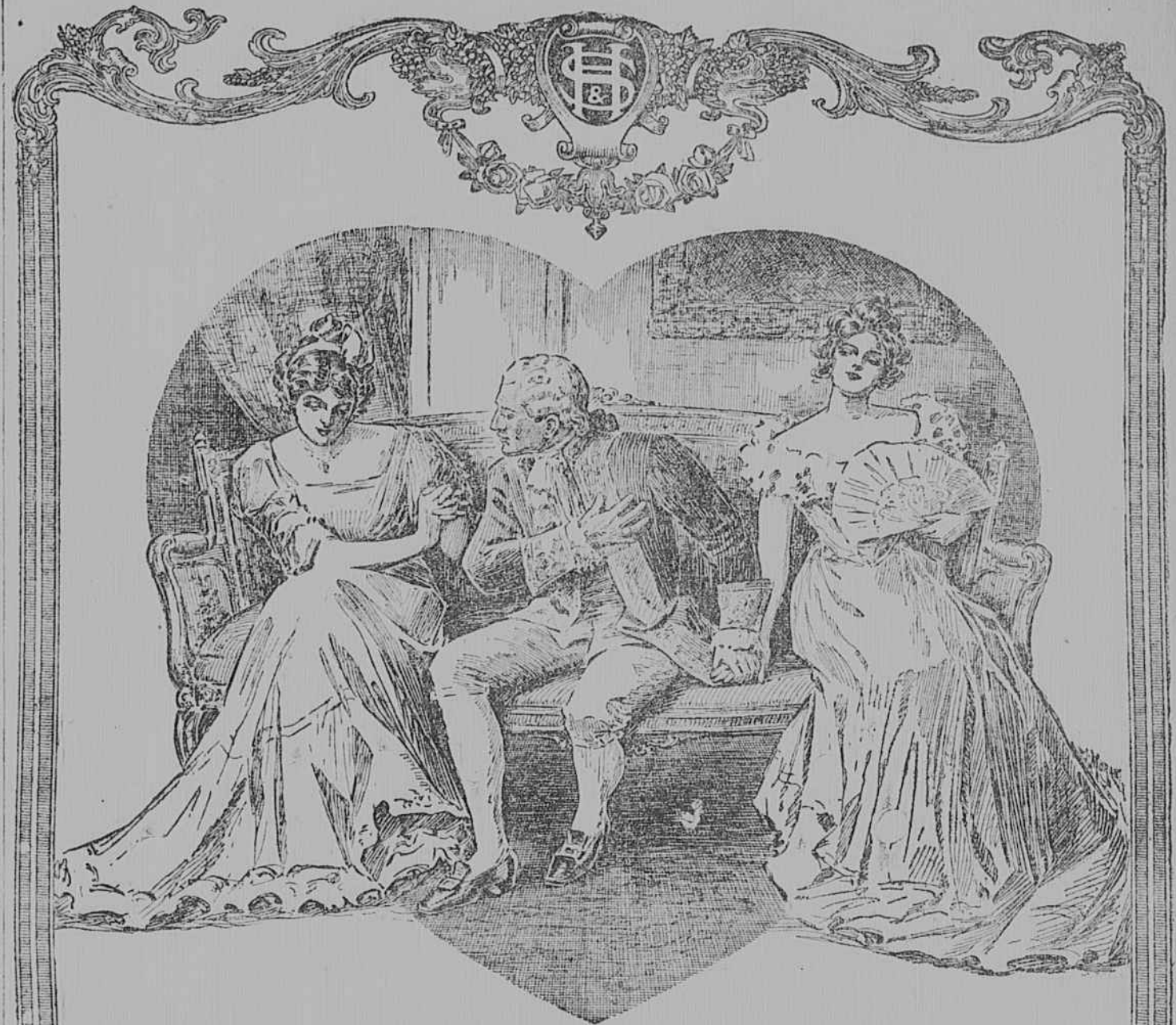
"We enter this campaign," said he, "with the people with us. They have absolute confidence in our candidates and believe that they will carry out the policies set forth in our platform." The committee spent three hours reaching agreement as to details for rules, supplemental to those adopted by the State Convention for holding the primaries for United States Senator at the general election. They provide for the primaries on general election day, November 5, and for a second primary on November 26, in the event no candidate receives the majority of votes cast in the first primary.

BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT.

More Than a Thousand Delegates From All Parts of State Attend. Norfolk, Va., July 9.—The annual department or branch of the church represented, the Fifth Virginia Baptist summer encampment began to-night at Virginia Beach. Upward of a thousand delegates from all parts of the State are in attendance. To-night's exercises consisted principally of a lecture by Dr. Lincoln Hilly, president of Stetson University, Deland, Fla., on Tennyson's "Beautiful Life and Message." The real work of the encampment will begin tomorrow.

Lad Dragged to Death.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winchester, Va., July 9.—Horses which were being driven to a hay tedder today by Harry Mason, twelve years old, son of Eliza Mason, of Back Creek Valley, ran off, throwing the lad backward, and he was dragged to death. His neck was broken and his head and body terribly mutilated.



PRIZES AWARDED

The names were cut off of the contest cards and the numbers duplicated, so that the judges had no knowledge of the people who submitted titles. There was no possible chance of favoritism, and the judges were unprejudiced in awarding these prizes:

First Prize—MRS. B. B. WRIGHT, 1003 Floyd Avenue, Richmond, Va.: "A Duplex Line."

Second Prize—MR. FRED G. POLLARD, 915 West Grace Street, Richmond, Va.: "Competing With Roosevelt—Another 'Third Party.'"

Third Prize—MR. H. M. WITT, 103 South Third Street, Richmond, Va.: "It's Hard to Say that We Must Part, but a Girl in the Hand is Worth Two in the Heart."

Fourth Prize—MISS EILEEN JONES, 114 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Va.: "Bidding on Hearts—His Suite Doubled."

Fifth Prize—MRS. SAM GLENN, South Boston, Va.: "The Heart in the Deal is the Life of the Trade."

Sixth Prize—MISS L. A. MOFFETT, 1125 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Va.: "The Deuce of Hearts."

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NIGHT TOO HOT FOR SPEECHES IN BOARD

Aldermen Clear Heavy Docket Without One Word of Debate—Street Improvements Ordered in East End—To Enlarge Park.

Without a speech, without a word of debate or a dissenting vote on any measure, the Board of Aldermen last night concurred in the entire docket of papers sent over by the Common Council, including a number of large appropriations, which now go to the Mayor for final approval. The following were among the measures presented by the clerk and given unanimous approval:

Ordinance transferring six acres of city property adjoining Maury Cemetery, South Richmond, to the Broad Rock Mineral Springs Company, in return for the right to take gravel from a certain tract for a period of twenty-five years.

Resolution granting permission to

The Extension Step-Ladder and Specialty Co., Inc., has secured a suitable factory site on the corner of Sheppard and Clay Streets, is now arranging for the erection of its factory and equipping of same. An officer of the company is now in Philadelphia, and will proceed to New York, looking to the securing of suitable representation in these cities. We are in receipt of many orders for these ladders, and will proceed to manufacture and care for the orders as rapidly as possible. More than half of the capital stock has been subscribed for. The demand for the ladder is almost universal, the profit is satisfactory, and the dividends this company should pay should place it in the front ranks of dividend producers of this country. INVESTIGATE this investment at once. It will PAY YOU.

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Authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners to contract for an automobile hook and ladder truck, to cost \$11,000, funds to be provided in the annual budget for 1913.

Approving award of contract to J. T. Nuckley for a brick and concrete stable at Marshall and Fifteenth Streets for the Street Cleaning Department, to cost \$22,734.61, and plumbing contract

for same to W. E. Mahoney for \$1,748.

Ordinance requiring owners of vacant lots to remove weeds on notice from the Health Department.

Amendment to traffic law allowing heavy teams to go on Broad Street and on such other streets as are smooth paved, this being an exemption from the general provision prohibiting heavy hauling on smooth paved streets.

Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to acquire for \$35,000 the triangular lot of land south of Ashland Street, known as the Rathskellar property, for enlargement of William Byrd Park.

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